# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2278
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Mother to Baby Transmission of HIV
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the major reason of HIV transmission in the country is through mother to baby transmission;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated State/UT-wise number of such cases in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether there is a gap between HIV/AIDS infected children and such infected children who are getting treatment;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): No, the HIV transmission through parent to child transmission of HIV is only 4.8% (2016-17).

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Yes, there is a gap between HIV/AIDS infected children and such children who are getting treatment.

(d): As on June 2017, 82,316 children with HIV are in care at Anti retroviral treatment centers, out of which 62,585 are receiving treatment.

The major reason for the gap is that the children were not eligible for initiation of treatment, since the guidelines until May 2017 stipulated that treatment could be given to only patients having CD4 count of less than 500.

(e): Government has now adopted Treat All policy for all people living with HIV AIDS. Now all such people including children are initiated on treatment regardless of CD4 count.